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Dear Chief O'Toole:

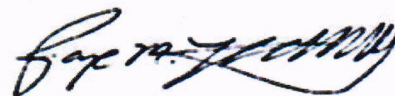
As you know, the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington and the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division enforce the federal criminal civil rights laws, such as the willful abuse of authority by public officials that deprives individuals of liberties and rights defined in the United States Constitution or federal law. We evaluate allegations of civil rights violations to determine whether the evidence and circumstances of the case warrant a federal criminal prosecution.

We received a complaint that Seattle Police Department Officer Adley Shepherd may have violated the civil rights of Miyekko Durden-Bosley. We recently completed our review of the results of that investigation to determine whether a federal criminal prosecution was warranted. After careful consideration, we concluded that the evidence does not establish a prosecutable violation of the federal criminal civil rights statutes. Accordingly, we have closed our investigation. Please note that our conclusion that the evidence does not meet the high standard for proving a criminal civil rights case does not in any way condone the conduct that was the subject of our investigation.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the Civil Rights Division are dedicated to the enforcement of federal criminal civil rights statutes. We appreciate your cooperation in our shared responsibility to ensure the impartial and effective enforcement of our laws.

Sincerely,


Annette L. Hayes
United States Attorney
Western District of Washington


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Acting Section Chief
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cc: Adley Shepherd
Miyekko Durden-Bosley